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SUBJECT: RTG STUDY OF ECONOMIC IMPACT OF US MILITARY WITHDRAWAL

1. WE HAVE RECEIVED WRITTEN REQUEST FROM NATIONAL ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT BOARD FOR ASSISTANCE IN CONDUCTING STUDY OF IMPACT OF US MILITARY WITHDRAWAL FROM THAILAND.

2. SPECIFICALLY, NESDB IS SEEKING AGGREGATE DATA FROM MACTHAI ON NUMBERS OF THAI WORKERS EMPLOYED AT BASES, PAYROLLS, OFFICIAL SPENDING BY USAF AND PERSONAL SPENDING BY US PERSONNEL, COST OF BASE CONSTRUCTION, SPENDING FOR CIVIC ACTION PROGRAMS, ETC. IN ADDITION, NESDB FILED TEAMS PLAN TO CONDUCT FIELD SURVEYS AT NKP MARCH 25-29, UDORN MARCH 31-APRIL 5, KORAT 7-12, AND UTAPAO APRIL 14-18, AGAIN SEEKING INFORMATION REGARDING IMPACT OF U.S. OFFICIAL AND PERSONAL SPENDING ON THAI ECONOMY.

3. EMBASSY AND MACTHAI HAVE ASKED ALL U.S. BASE COMMANDERS TO COOPERATE TO FULLEST DEGREE POSSIBLE, AND EMBASSY WILL SEND OFFICER TO EACH BASE TO ADVISE
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AND ASSIST AS REQUIRED. CONCLUSIONS DRAWN BY NESDB MAY

WELL INFLUENCE GOVERNMENT IN FORMULATING POLICY (AS
CONTRASTED WITH PRESS STATEMENTS) ON PACE AND LEVEL OF
U.S. DRAWDOWN.

4. NESDB PLANNERS ARE ALSO THINKING ABOUT FUTURE USE OF
AIR BASES, INCLUDING POSSIBLE DEVELOPMENT AS INDUSTRIAL
PARKS. WE PLAN TO GIVE TECHNICAL COOPERATION TO THESE
NESDB STUDIES, IF REQUESTED, WITHOUT PREJUDICE TO HOST OF
POLICY QUESTIONS THAT OBVIOUSLY WOULD ARISE AT SUCH POINT
AS THE THAI MIGHT SEEK TO IMPLEMENT SUCH STUDIES.
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